



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Seattle 150; Heritage Expo 2001 to Draw Thousands

One hundred and fifty years ago, November 13, 1851, Seattle celebrated its birth by surviving its first night on a cold Alki beach. Fifty years ago, in 1951, Seattle celebrated its centennial with a giant exposition at the Civic Auditorium.

This year we celebrate our 150th anniversary, our sesquicentennial. There will be many events, including a re-enactment of the landing of the schooner *Exact* at Alki beach on Tuesday, November 13, a new "Metropolis 150" exhibit at the Museum of History and Industry and a large Heritage Exposition 2001 at Seattle Center.

Your Queen Anne Historical Society will be sponsoring a table at the Expo. We hope you make plans to come by and visit and discover what the Society has been doing and what the many heritage organizations in King County do.

The enclosed flyer provides some details. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Monday, November 12 (Veteran's Day holiday) and 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesday, November 13. The location is the Seattle Center Pavilion, located south of Key Arena, adjacent to Thomas St.

The Expo, sponsored by the Association of King County Historical Organizations, will showcase school programs and historical materials.

Learn more about the various

Tales of Seattle's Origins Wed. Nov. 14, 7:30 pm

Gary Gaffner relates Bell family history

Come to our November meeting and celebrate with us the 150th Anniversary of the landing of the Denny Party at Alki on November 13, 1851. Our speaker will be **Gary Gaffner**, Queen Anne resident, former board member of the Queen Anne Historical Society, and direct descendant of William N. Bell, who came ashore at Alki with his wife, Sarah, and four daughters, after eight days at sea aboard the schooner "Exact". **Mr. Gaffner is the great, great, great grandson of Bell, namesake of Seattle's Belltown.**

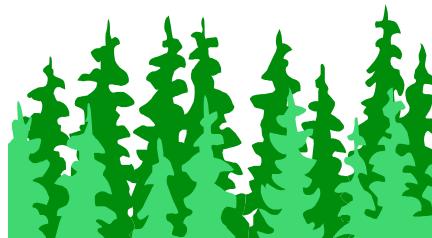
Gary has removed from the Log Cabin Museum at Alki, just for our meeting, some artifacts that he has in storage there that relate to the Bell trek from Illinois to Portland, where they met up with the Denny party. He will talk about the move from Alki to the east shore of Elliott Bay and the start of the Bell homestead.

We expect to hear of the Battle of Seattle (the original one) in January 1856, when the pioneers hurried to the stockade-blockhouse for protection and where the Bells learned of the burning of their log cabin and the slaughter of their livestock.

**Join your neighbors at our next public meeting
Wed., Nov. 14th, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.**

This program will be a real treat for us all as we hear of the early years of Seattle from stories that have been handed down from generation to generation in the Bell family. **A night to remember!**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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We thank all of our members for your vital support. Our 2000-2001 membership year ended May 31. **To those of you who have "2001" on your address label, your dues for 2001-2002 are way past due. This will be your last Cobblestone!** Please take a moment to use the coupon on page 3 to renew for the current year. We rely on your support and participation in preserving Queen Anne's story and introducing new neighbors to Queen Anne.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at

CALENDAR OF

Mon.-Tue. Nov. 12-13, 2001

Event: The AKCHO Heritage Expo 2001 celebrating the Seattle Sesquicentennial. Seattle Center Pavilion. Free. (see story page 1)

Wed. Nov. 14, 2001.

Program: "Tales of Seattle's Origins" by Gary Gaffner, descendant of pioneer William Bell. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (see story, page 1)

Sat. Nov. 24, 2001

Event: Holiday History Market at the Museum of History and Industry. Annual heritage bazaar, 10am-5pm. Admission free.

Dec. 18, 2001.

Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" holiday lighting contest.

Wed. Jan. 16, 2002.

Program: (Tentative) We hope to have Greg Palmer, author and former KING-TV news figure. His "Death-The Trip of a Lifetime" became a PBS series. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.



David and Louisa Boren Denny's cabin at the foot of today's Denny Way. Drawing by Emily Inez Denny. Courtesy of Museum of History and Industry.

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The Queen Anne Historical Society was formed to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

SOCIETY NEWS

QA History Books Make Great Gifts

The history of our Queen Anne community was published in the Historical Society's book: *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*, 1993. This 240 page collection of photos and stories of our history includes chapters on geology, native Americans, children's views of pioneer life and much material on the growth, the fights and the development of Queen Anne as an urban community. A picture from the book is on the opposite page.

Our supply of these books is dwindling now and it will soon be out of print. We are considering a second printing, but have not concluded yet that we can afford it. In the meantime, if you wish to get a copy for holiday gift giving or just to have it for yourself, please use the coupon on this page or go to our local outlets at Queen Anne Avenue Books and Queen Anne Mail Dispatch.

Holiday Market at MOHAI

The fifth annual Holiday Market will be held at the Museum of History and Industry on Saturday, Nov. 24, 10 am to 5 pm. This event provides an opportunity to purchase heritage-related items for your holiday gift-giving. Such things as books, pictures, tapes, posters or historic products are available. You can socialize with local authors, tour the museum and have refreshments.

Your Society will have a table at the Market. If you'd like to help out, call Bob Frazier at 285-0958. Admission to the museum is free during the Market.

Uptown Stroll a Success

The Uptown Alliance held a

community awareness day on lower Queen Anne on Saturday, August 18. It was called the Uptown Stroll and featured a planned walking route of local streets and businesses, along with some local artists actually working while passersby watched. The uptown name has been around since the 1920s at least, and local activists felt the need for a more clear identification for their community.

The Queen Anne Historical Society took part by exhibiting displays in the street fair area.

St. Anne School Tour

Another tour of our local historical cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at 7th Ave. W and W Raye St., was provided for eighth graders from St. Anne's School on Monday, November 5.

Isabel Egglin, working with St. Anne teacher, Pam Sturgeon, arranged for the tour and for a set of reference materials from the Seattle Public Library.

Turner Gives "The Lowdown on Uptown"

Our last walking tour of the year was held in lower Queen Anne on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Kim Turner led a large turnout on a one-mile walk down 2nd Ave. W. across Harrison and up 1st Ave. N and Queen Anne Ave (or

Temperance Street as it used to be called). There are few remaining houses from the hundreds that long ago filled the uptown area.

As usual, Kim provided fascinating background notes and provided the enthusiastic audience with a good time.

Flower Memorial Preserved

In the days following the September 11th attack on America, a spontaneous outpouring of grief and sympathy found outlet in a flower memorial at the International Fountain in Seattle Center. A one-day memorial turned into a three-day flower vigil with over 75,000 people leaving over a million flowers.

Isabel Egglin, Society board member and ace photographer, recognized the need to capture on film this event in Queen Anne's backyard. She then followed up by helping facilitate the equally spontaneous desire to preserve the spirit of the mourners in a memorial garden at the Center.

Gardners from all over, working through the Interbay P-Patch (site coordinator, John Rowley), gathered, cut and mulched the enormous flower offering. The organic remains will be returned to the soil in the future memorial garden.

Our congratulations to Isabel for her concern and vision. You can see her photos and a brief story at our web

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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*, for \$25 a copy (\$20 for paid-up members).

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***Coming up: Gary Gaffner
recalls his pioneer family's stories of
Seattle's founding at the***



**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER
BY BOB FRAZIER**

The 2001-2002 year is going well. We are active, and your board members are doing valuable things for Queen Anne.

At the September 19 program Kathy Fulton gave an interesting presentation on the collecting and recording of personal and family histories. She showed examples and distributed newsletters, bibliographies and the schedule of her upcoming workshops. She was most informative, and we are grateful to her for a good program. All this, only one week after the terrible events in New York and Washington, D.C.

Kim Turner gave a wonderful and well attended tour of Uptown on Saturday, October 13. He did a ton of research, editing, organizing and practicing for the tour. Kim did a great job and Queen Anne's history is richer for all his effort.

John Hennes and I spoke to the men's group at Bayview Manor on October 20, and our informal talk was well received.

Isabel Eggin, Bruce Jones and Houston Allen have been working hard to put on our web page information and images of the September 15 flower memorial at the International Fountain at Seattle Center. This record of the outpouring of support and feeling for those involved in the tragedies of September 11 can be found at our

website. The record of this event is unique to the Queen Anne Historical Society among all historical groups in King County. It is available nationally via the web. Thank you, especially, to Isabel for her vision, her time and her dedication.

To celebrate Seattle's 150th anniversary we look forward to our November 14 program regarding Denny party pioneer, William Bell. In addition we will be at the November 12 and 13 Heritage Expo 2001 at the Seattle Center, celebrating our sesquicentennial and organized by the Association of King County Historical Organizations. This will be all day Monday (10am to 6pm) and on Tuesday, Seattle's 150 anniversary, from 10am to 2pm. It will be held in the Center Pavilion, just south of Key Arena, where the art museum used to exhibit. This free expo will be a wonderful chance for you to see what the many heritage groups in King county are doing to celebrate and teach heritage.

We invite you to volunteer along with us in any of these activities. Call me at 285-0958 for further information.

Bob Frazier, President 2001-02

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